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AMUSING DISCOMFORTS.

Some That Are Found in Finland

Travel.

Traveling in Finland, according to a recent interesting narrative of her experience in that land of a thousand lakes, by Mrs. Aleck Tweedie, is a pastime of many charms, but some undoubted drawbacks.

Finnish ideas of what is desirable in regard to personal privacy and comfort are not always such as meet the approval of travelers from other lands. Chamber doors, for example, rarely have bolts, and neither guests nor servants observe the trifling formality of knocking; while an attendant, having invaded the premises unannounced with a pitcher of water or other required article, will not hesitate with the frankest and most amiable curiosity to watch the manner in which foreign ladies dress their hair or don unfamiliar garments.

Moreover, although bathing and massage are important and necessary processes in the eyes of every good Finn, Finnish custom is to undergo a thorough, not to say violent, bath, inclusive of steaming, parboiling, showering, scrubbing, rubbing and kneading, once a week—and in the interval to dispense with ablutions very nearly or altogether.

Other discomforts which the travelers encountered were the dreadful mosquitoes of the country, and the excessive sunlight; for in a region where there is no night for several months, neither shutters nor shades are used and the brilliant light streams undisturbed into one's sleeping-room, all night, unmodified unless perhaps by a bit of white muslin drapery.

From the mosquitoes Mrs. Tweedie and her sister sought to escape in the customary manner, by going to bed with their heads in hideous green muslin bags, "very wobbly and unwieldy flat on top and with a curtain hanging down all round, which one ties neatly under one's chin before retiring to rest."

From the glare they strove in one house to escape in some degree by having their beds made up with the pillows at the foot instead of the head, that they might face fewer windows, and the high headboard act in some degree as a screen to their eyes. After several days the girls who made the beds overcame their shyness sufficiently to inquire timidly of their hostess:

"Is it a part of the English ladies' religion to sleep the wrong way round?"

"No," was the reply. "What do you mean?"

"Is it in their worship that they should sleep with their heads toward the sun?"

"Certainly not; how did you get such an idea into your head?"

"Every night the English ladies have made me make their beds the wrong way round, and I thought perhaps it was one of their religious customs."

Evidently it could not occur to the mind of a Finn that, after the long darkness of winter, it was possible to have too much good sunlight.—Youth's Companion.

French Pancakes.

Three ounces flour, three ounces butter, three ounces sugar, three-quarters pint milk, three eggs, well beaten. Beat the butter to a cream, add the sugar, four eggs and milk; beat well, and let stand two hours before cooking. Bake 20 minutes in a good oven. They may be baked in saucers or dinner plates. If the latter, spread jam on one half, turn the other half over and serve at once.—Leisure Hours.

Cricket Chirping as a Thermometer.

Crickets have a tendency to chirp synchronously, or in time with each other. It is claimed that they chirp more rapidly in warm than in cold weather. The increase has even been noted at four chirps per minute increase for one degree Fahrenheit rise in temperature.—Youth's Companion.

ANIMALS AND WATER.

What Do Polar Creatures Drink?

Water in the Deserts.

Time rabbits are commonly kept without water, but they may be seen licking the bars of their hutch after a shower and drink eagerly when they have the chance. Most other rodents, including rats, are thirsty creatures. The only animals living in very dry places which seem able to do entirely without drink are snakes and reptiles. In the cold desert of shifting sand in Kashgar there were no reptiles, and not even a fly. But the Afghan boundary commission found swarms of lizards and a new and venomous species of adder in astonishing numbers in the awful desert of hot, shifting sand at the corner where Persia, Beluchistan and Afghanistan meet. We must note one exception, the giraffe, which Mr. Bryden believes exists for three-quarters of the year in the North Kalahari without water. But this cannot be proved until the desert has been explored and the total absence of water confirmed. There is known to be water beneath the surface, and if the giraffe does live waterless he must imbibe his liquid nutriment at second hand in the juices of the leaves of the tree, which have their roots in the moisture.

Seals do not apparently drink; neither do cormorants and penguins, but there can be little more evaporation from their bodies than those of fish and their food is wet and moist. A more difficult question is that of the water supply of arctic animals in winter. Possibly they eat snow. There is abundant evidence that, though many animals can exist without water for long periods, this abstinence is not voluntary and when unduly protracted causes suffering and loss of health.—Philadelphia Ledger.

WYOMING'S COBALT BONANZA.

First Important Find of This Valuable Metal Made in America.

"Cobalt is better than gold. A cobalt mine is more desirable than the richest golden bonanza of all the Rocky mountains." This is the talk one hears at the miners' national bureau at Denver; this is the talk that is electrifying the western mining world; for cobalt has been discovered at Grand Encampment, Wyo., and the French mineralogist, Charles Poulot, has added new laurels to his reputation for the discovery.

It is not the first discovery of cobalt in America, but it is probably the most notable. The metal is never found in a pure state, but mixed with nickel, copper, or some other element. Cobalt ore is worth \$32 a ton for each per cent. that the ore contains, and the French mineralogist has found the Grand Encampment ore to contain four per cent. of it. Cobalt is worth \$1.60 a pound, and there is one mine in this district where thousands of tons of this ore are already in sight. Cobalt is the active principle that colors blue all porcelain and glass, and from it the world's great churches and cathedrals receive their delicate shading in blue in their arched windows and domes. Cobalt is the active principle of blue in oil and water painting. It is one of the rarest minerals. Norway, Sweden and Bohemia have in the past furnished the bulk of the world's supply.

M. Poulot represents millions of dollars of French capital, and he lays it all at the feet of the Grand Encampment miners, for ore containing cobalt. The mine in question is a copper mine, and in addition to its copper value, which is 70 per cent. pure, its ore yields \$128 to the ton in cobalt. This is only one among hundreds of copper mines at Grand Encampment, and if they all contain cobalt, Wyoming's new mining district within a year may be producing more wealth than any three other mining districts in the world, not excepting the Klondike, the Transvaal and Cripple Creek.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A traveler can nowadays journey around the world in 50 days.

A new kind of apple, red within as well as without, has turned up in Colorado.

Washington's birthday was this year a legal holiday in Iowa for the first time.

America contains 229,722 miles of railway and the rest of the world 204,231 miles.

Hard times multiply the enlistments in the army, and most of those who enlist give absence of employment as the influencing cause of their action.

The largest mule in the world was bred in Missouri, is 19 hands 2½ inches high and weighs 1,830 pounds. He has been sent to a London menagerie.

The town of Bethlehem, in Pennsylvania, was named in 1741 by a party of Moravians, who assembled in a barn where the town is located to celebrate Christmas.

The diminution in the number of deaths on the great lakes, notwithstanding the increase in the lake marine, is attributed to the efficiency of the weather bureau.

It has recently been claimed that iron ships fitted with electric plants suffer rapid deterioration of their pipes having direct connection with the sea, due to electrolytic action.

The cooperative societies in what is known as the Colne valley, a district starting about nine miles from Manchester, England, are making an effort to start a woolen mill.

Public libraries spend vast sums of money to make their collections complete. In the Boston public library is a collection of works relating to Shakespeare which cost \$50,000.

Harmsworth Brothers, proprietors of the London Daily Mail, Evening News and other publications, gave an order for white paper the other day that amounted in value to \$3,750,000.

ARAB WEAPONS.

Held in Great Reverence by Their Owners.

Here in Muscat I saw the pure bred Arab man, sinewy, but not tall, a domineering, swaggering nobleness in his glance, and a brace of daggers in his waist. When I recognized a beautiful haft or noticed a slender inlaid native gun or singular shield, I offered to buy. But nothing could induce them to sell. "Sahib," said one man, "I killed my deadliest foe with this blade, right through his black heart! You see this dint in my shield? Ah! that dint was caused by a spear. The shield saved my life; shall I, then, sell it for money? My gun? No, sahib! I am an Arab and my gun is my other self. How could I be an Arab if I had no gun? This sword—it belonged to my grandfather. It has killed 40 men. By Mohammed! it is true. These marks, sahib—you see these marks—only one of these marks is put there when a man is killed." I offered three times the value. The answer always was "No, sahib, I will not; I cannot."

Everybody, from the frolicsome boy of eight to the tottering imbecile of 80, carried a weapon. The old men had rusty swords that reminded me of the unwieldy, double-bladed monsters that Richard Coeur de Lion and his knights swung in the face of the Saracens. These Muscat swords are four feet six inches long, the blades three inches wide, and the handles provide room for both fists to grasp. Law is an unknown quantity in eastern Arabia.—Chambers' Journal.

Have Changed Their Sabbath.

A Jewish congregation in Chicago, that of Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, holds Divine service on Sundays instead of Saturdays. Hebrews all over the United States are discussing the propriety of a general change of the Jewish Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Rev. A. E. Easter was in town Monday.

Much corn has been planted by the farmers this week.

J. W. McKinney, of Union Hall, was in town Saturday.

Fielding Berryman, of Bloomington, was in town Wednesday.

A Madison county farmer living on Muddy creek has a mule 41 years old.

Several from this place attended preaching at Log Lick Sunday.

Regular meeting day at the Baptist Church today and tomorrow.

Thos. McKinney has been in Bath county this week on business.

J. W. Dawson & Bro. handles a good quality of goods and sells them cheap.

W. J. Easter, of Iron Mound, was in town Monday and subscribed for the TIMES.

Teamsters have begun hauling in ties, staves and lumber in large quantities.

Rev. B. S. Burgher preached at White Oak Sunday, had four additions to the church.

Lettuce and onions are now enjoyed by many early gardeners through the country.

Samuel Barnes and Henry I. Todd, of Richmond, were guests of B. S. Burgher Thursday.

Misses Josia Dawson and Besse Barnett graced our office with a very pleasant call yesterday.

Miss Emma Grinstead, the milliner, has sold several hats. She has a nice line of millinery to select from.

Western Union Lineman Jim Hill is putting up poles and cross arms for a new wire from Richmond to Beattyville.

Charley Walters, of Winchester, was in town Wednesday and enrolled his name as a subscriber to the TIMES.

Asa Todd, who has the distinction of being the first subscriber to the TIMES, renewed his subscription Saturday.

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The state board of equalization has increased the assessment of Estill county on lots two per cent. No increase on land was made.

Rock & Conelison's real estate agency has sold the W. H. Park farm in Estill county to Olden Stacy for \$4,500.—Richmond Pantagraph.

J. W. Dawson and Bro. are doing a thriving business which they fully merit by their low prices and courteous treatment to their customers.

Mrs. Sarilda J. Abney is at Olympia Springs for treatment of her eyes which for some time was nearly out. It is hoped that she will recover her eyesight in full.

Last week and this week up till Friday morning when a cold rain begun was very fine weather. The roads had dried up considerably during the warm sunny days.

Thos. G. Noland, of Mt. Sterling, was in the burg Thursday. He formerly lived in this county, and like all other enterprising ex-Estillites wanted the TIMES sent to his address.

We have been busy this week at work on our new office which we will shortly complete and have to ask our subscribers to bear with a half paper this week. We may have to do the same next week but no longer.

It is rumored, says the Sharpshooter World, that all country newspapers are requested to furnish the War Department with a list of their delinquent subscribers, as the department wishes to conscript the list at once for service. Are you a delinquent? If so, come in and settle before we send in our report.

Judge Scott began a four weeks term of Circuit Court here yesterday with over five hundred cases on the docket it bids fair to be a busy one. Twenty-six cases were tried in the first half day, however, and if this gait is kept up, the docket will soon be materially reduced. . . . Will Horn was tried on five indictments for illegal sale of liquors, and was fined \$100 in each case. He was not present when the cases were tried.—Winchester Democrat.

DIED.

The infant child of June Walters died Sunday night last and was buried at Powell's Valley Tuesday.

Mrs. J. W. Walters, of Noland's Creek, died Sunday night. Burial at the Lewis grave yard Monday.

Uncle Nathan Crow at his home at Lilly's Ferry last Sunday. Burial at the home grave yard Monday. Deceased was 69 years old and had been afflicted for some time, having completely lost his hearing.

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THE WAR.

The first naval battle fought since the beginning of war was fought in the Manila harbor of Philippine islands in which there were four American war ships under the Commodore Dewey engaged seven Spanish war vessels and completely destroyed all of them, and captured the city so they now belong to the United States. An army of 10,000 men will be sent there at once.

Another great battle is expected soon somewhere off the coast of South America. The invasion of Cuba will shortly be begun.

For gastric pains in the stomach and bowels, I heartily recommend Lightning Hot Drops as a quick relief J. E. Lemming, M. D., Stanton, Ky.

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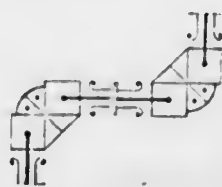
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